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§2–506.

- (a) A person may not cause the death of another as a result of the person's negligently driving, operating, or controlling a motor vehicle or vessel while the person is impaired by a controlled dangerous substance, as defined in § 5–101 of this article.
- (b) A violation of this section is homicide by motor vehicle or vessel while impaired by a controlled dangerous substance.
- (c) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, a person who violates this section is guilty of a felony and on conviction is subject to imprisonment not exceeding 5 years or a fine not exceeding \$5,000 or both.
- (2) (i) A person who violates this section, having previously been convicted under this section,  $\S 2-209$ ,  $\S 2-210$ ,  $\S 2-503$ ,  $\S 2-504$ ,  $\S 2-505$ , or  $\S 3-211$  of this article, or  $\S 21-902$  of the Transportation Article, is guilty of a felony and on conviction is subject to imprisonment not exceeding 10 years or a fine not exceeding \$10,000 or both.
- (ii) For the purposes of application of subsequent offender penalties under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph, a conviction for a crime committed in another state or federal jurisdiction that, if committed in this State would constitute a violation of this section, § 2–209, § 2–210, § 2–503, § 2–504, § 2–505, or § 3–211 of this article, or § 21–902 of the Transportation Article, shall be considered a violation of this section.
- (d) This section does not apply to a person who is entitled to use the controlled dangerous substance under the laws of this State.

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